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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a petition to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment issued in the above-identified patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b). The application was held abandoned for alleged failure to respond to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2001 within the statutory period. As an attorney of record in this application, I submit

a copy of the post card stamped and returned by the USPTO (enclosed) along with a copy of a stamped Express Mail certificate to establish that a response was timely filed on November 13, 2001 due to the USPTO's closure on Monday, November 12, 2001 in honor of Veterans Day. Specifically, the postcard and Express Mail receipt establish that:

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- (b) A copy of the original postcard and check is also enclosed along with a copy of the RCE Transmittal Letter including a Petition for Extension of Time, an Amendment and a Mark-up Amendment and 9 Evidentiary References.

It is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

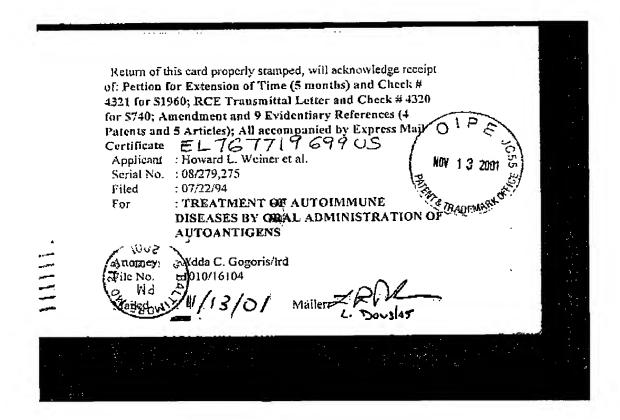
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